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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Patentees hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 12, 2008 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 36-47.

- (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$1110.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$540.00 (other than Small Entity) [] \$270.00 (Small Entity)
 - () is enclosed
 - (X) is to be charged to the Credit Card.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
 - () is enclosed.
 - () has been previously submitted.

() The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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